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AND ZEOLITE TUBULAR SEPARATION MEMBRANE PROVIDED BY THE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2009, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages. This Response is filed concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the due date for responding to the Office Action of January 13, 2009 from April 13, 2009 to July 13, 2009. This Response is therefore timely filed.

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